

**From:** Deb Crowe  
**To:** Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein, Mike Powell  
**Date:** Fri, May 30, 2003 10:56 AM  
**Subject:** FCC ruling

Dear FCC Board,

I want rules in place that serve the public, rather than private interest. I oppose taking a vote that leads to more media consolidation. On June 2nd, I urge you to retain the current ownership rules. We need open media, not closed media. This openness is a part of our American heritage. Again, I urge you to retain the current ownership rules.

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**From:** Linda Sonna  
**To:** Michael Copps  
**Date:** Fri, May 30, 2003 11:02 AM  
**Subject:** FCC

Given the severe media censorship now taking place, it is clear that tight corporate control is as dangerous as state control. We need rules in

place that serve the public interest. I oppose taking a vote that leads to more media consolidation. On June 2nd, I urge you to retain the current

ownership rules.

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**From:** Glenn Pearson  
**To:** Commissioner Adelstein, Kathleen Abernathy, KM KJMWEB, Michael Copps, Mike Powell  
**Date:** Fri, May 30, 2003 11:04 AM  
**Subject:** RE: Comment on June 2, 2003 Review of Cross-Ownership Rules

To: FCC Commissioners Powell, Abernathy, Copps, Martin, and Adelstein

First, I would like to thank the FCC for its traditional role during this century, across many administrations, in discouraging the formation of dominant media monopolies in local markets.

It saddens me that the FCC has recently walked away from this commitment, with the result that local radio has been rolled up into massive conglomerates formed by Clear Channel and Viacom. Predictably, local news teams have been let go in favor of remote DJ that "fake" their locations and local knowledge. On-site coverage of local events and emergencies has greatly attenuated.

The FCC now is poised for similar relaxation of cross-ownership and market-dominance rules for broadcast stations and newspapers. Is the FCC redefining the "public" in "public interest" as simply the pro-monopoly owners of major media holding companies and their supporters? The argument that a consolidation of ownership will not harm diversity of opinion is, in my mind, disingenuous. The further argument that the stifling of viewpoints will be compensated by other media, such as the internet, understates the unique and vital role the public airwaves serve. That broadcast stations remain important conduits is reflected in the fact that when stations do change hands, the selling price is reportedly still increasing, not collapsing due to internet and other competition.

I urge the commissioners to not weaken the current regulations in this area.

Thank you for your consideration.

Glenn Pearson  
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**From:** Andrew May  
**To:** Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein  
**Date:** Fri, May 30, 2003 11:28 AM  
**Subject:** <No Subject>

I am writing to ask that you do your duty to the American people on June 2: do not adopt rules that further deregulate corporate ownership of America's media.

The 1996 Telecom Act was already a disgrace to democracy. The proposed FCC rule change would do irreparable harm to our nation by giving a handful of large corporations even greater influence over the our people's information about their world.

A free press is one of the cornerstones of a free society. I grew up horrified that the people of the Soviet Union had no access to accurate and unbiased information about the world around them. Now I am horrified that my own people do not. Our country desperately needs a press that is responsible to the people, not to the interests of a handful of business conglomerates. We need less concentration of media ownership, not more.

The people of the United States own our airwaves; the corporate media do not. It's time for the FCC and the federal government to act like they understand this. We allow media companies to use the airwaves in exchange for their assurance that they're serving the public interest. It is up to you to make sure this is the case. The American people are watching; don't let us down.

Yours sincerely,

Andrew May

**From:** Ellen577@aol.com  
**To:** Michael Copps  
**Date:** Fri, May 30, 2003 11:45 AM  
**Subject:** (no subject)

Dear Sir,

Please do not change the rules. We need diversity on our air waves to be an informed citizenry.

Sincerely,

Dr/Mrs. David R. James

**From:** Lisa Roberts  
**To:** Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein  
**Date:** Fri, May 30, 2003 12:05 PM  
**Subject:** MB Docket No. 02-277, MM Docket No. 01-235, MM Docket No. 01-317, MM Docket No. 00-244

Commissioners - I write to you regarding 2002 Biennial Regulatory Review Review of the Commissions Broadcast Ownership Rules and Other Rules Adopted Pursuant to Section 202 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (MB Docket No. 02-277); Cross-Ownership of Broadcast Stations and Newspapers (MM Docket No. 01-235); Rules and Policies Concerning Multiple Ownership of Radio Broadcast Stations in Local Markets (MM Docket No. 01-317); and Definition of Radio Markets (MM Docket No. 00-244).

I believe that there should be rules in place that serve the public, that protect the public. I believe that media consolidation does not serve the public interest, but rather, private business interests. I urge you to retain the current ownership rules or to put in their place rules that are no less protective.

The argument that the rules are old is not persuasive. It does not provide sufficient grounds to remove the protections the rules provide. The Constitution of the United States of America is far older and serves us very well. Indeed, we just fought a war to help other gain the freedoms guaranteed to us by the Constitution, including freedom of speech and freedom of the press. I urge you not to take action that would undermine these freedoms here at home while our citizens are giving their lives so that others may enjoy them abroad.

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**From:** Paul Nicholson  
**To:** Michael Copps  
**Date:** Fri, May 30, 2003 12:18 PM  
**Subject:** Don't be Rupert Murdoch's lackey

Dear Michael,

The FCC proposals to increase the power of large media company are a detriment to our American democracy. They will not serve the public interest.

They will server the self interests of a few large corporations and the politicians who benefit from their corporate "bribes", otherwise known as campaign contributions.

I urge you to oppose proposals to lift or loosen restrictions on large media companies. Instead more should be done to assure diversity in our broadcast media - remember they are the public airwaves.

Sincerely,  
Paul Nicholson  
Thousand Oaks California

**From:** Palmer Consulting Associates  
**To:** Michael Copps  
**Date:** Fri, May 30, 2003 12:21 PM  
**Subject:** <No Subject>

I urge you to postpone any voting on the issue of further media consolidation and to allow a public debate on this very important issue.

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**From:** Anne Rubin  
**To:** Michael Copps  
**Date:** Fri, May 30, 2003 12:25 PM  
**Subject:** Proposed changes in FCC regs.

As a citizen I strongly object to giving large corporations even more opportunities to amass power by owning more radio A& TV stations in any one market. the airwaves are public property & should be open to all.

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**From:** RichBrookAppl@aol.com  
**To:** Michael Copps  
**Date:** Fri, May 30, 2003 12:25 PM  
**Subject:** Do not deregulate

Dear Commissioner Copps:

Do not further deregulate media consolidation. It would result in homogeneous news and editorial content that is antithetical to the free press required by a democracy. The airwaves belong to the American people. They are my airwaves not yours to give away to the largest commercial interests.

Sincerely,  
Richard A. Fleischer  
Newton, Massachusetts

**From:** Nathan Wise  
**To:** Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein  
**Date:** Fri, May 30, 2003 12:29 PM  
**Subject:** <No Subject>

Distinguished Members of the Board,

I write to you today to encourage restraint in the deregulation vote you will take on Monday. Each one of you has a unique responsibility to the American people at this time, to ensure that media serves the public interest. Most of you have worked in the area of media litigation for many years, serving the corporations you now regulate. I sincerely hope that this will not affect your vote on Monday. The swinging door between government and business will come to the attention of the American people sooner or later, and you all will be held accountable. I would like to salute Michael Copps for his outstanding work in trying to bring attention to the June 2 vote, and scold Michael Powell for his downgrading of Copp's "official public hearings" to "unofficial public meetings".

The rules changes that occurred with the 1996 Telecom act should not be repeated for newspapers. Will we see Ganet become the next Clear Channel, whom even the FCC must recognize as a threat to public interest? Will we see further mergers, creating AOLDISNEYFOXTIMEAT&TWARNERVIACOM? How few companies, owning shared interests in hundreds of media outlets and medium, is few enough? When will the public interest and necessity be taken into account again?

You five members of the board stand at the eve of a momentous occasion, one that will be written in the history books. It is an occasion through which your names will live on, either in fame or infamy. In the past 10 years we have given large media corporations over \$500 Billion in free digital spectrum space, space that belonged to the people, with no expectation of a return on our "investment". Is this how the FCC protects the public interest? Was your move to expedite license renewals and eliminate the public commentary requirement designed to protect the public interest? Let's leave aside the fact that you never once denied a license renewal even when comment was required. Is it necessary to make it easier for media corporations to decide what they feel is in our best interests?

I would urge restraint, I would urge more than restraint. Rather than moving towards further deregulation, now is the time to reign in these media giants, before they have complete control of our "democracy" through their unprecedented access to the public mind. Vote no on the rules changes on Monday, for the sake of the "public interest".

Sincerely,

Nathan Wise

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**From:** Macon Cowles  
**To:** Michael Copps  
**Date:** Fri, May 30, 2003 12:48 PM  
**Subject:** Re: 2002 Biennial Regulatory Review - Review of the Commission's Broadcast Ownership Rules

Re: 2002 Biennial Regulatory Review - Review of the Commission's Broadcast Ownership Rules

Dear Commissioner Copps:

I am a lifelong citizen of the Front Range of Colorado. Your actions are affecting us here in our state, and that is why I am writing to you now. BTW, I am writing an identical note to each of the other FCC Commissioners. Sir, I want to thank you for your service on this issue. You carry the hopes of many people with you into the hearing on Monday.

The last thing that we need are FEWER owners of radio and television stations. Local broadcast media or so dominated by far-from-here ownership that stations have simply stopped serving the interests of their local audiences. We feel this acutely in the Denver region, where I have lived all my life. Moreover, the media has become a monoculture, with a single subject theme: the OJ Simpson trial, the Gary Condit affair, the War in Iraq, and the subject du jour this month, the Laci Petersen case.

We cannot have an informed electorate without a vigorous press. These days, the only thing vigorous about the press is its desire to extend its own power and its ability to make money for its shareholders and executives. For all the money that they earn, do they currently produce any deep reporting of subjects that are of importance to a political democracy? I think not. The near total blackout of reporting on the important decision that the FCC will make on June 2 is but one example.

The political reporting is distressing as well. The media no longer investigates issues (such as the President's recent tax cut) to report need, causes, effects, reasoning and probable outcomes. They simply say that "the Republicans say that it will stimulate job growth" and "the Democrats say that it gives all the money to the rich." Well which is it, or is it neither? The electorate does not get the informed judgment of reporters, because what passes for news on the broadcast media simply reports the horse race, the disagreement, the "he said, she said" of policy. I regard this as an abdication of responsibility.

Please do not permit further media consolidation. Thank you for hearing my concerns.

Very truly yours,

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**From:** R Casey  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** Fri, May 30, 2003 12:53 PM  
**Subject:** Monday you will make history

Dear Chairman Powell,

I am writing to express my utter DISMAY at your arbitrary manner in conducting the debate (or lack there of) on media consolidation. I want you to know that I STRONGLY OPPOSE any attempts by big businesses to control the flow of information in this country. I am shocked that the FCC, whose job it is to pursue the interests of Americans in the use of the people's airways, would willingly ignore the interests of the American people so that a few tycoons can expand their control over the people's airways.

You must recognize that for every decision you have ever made in your career, you will forever judged by the one you make on Monday. If you remove the sensible restrictions on media consolidation, you will be forever remembered as the man that ceded control of the U.S. media to big business. I cannot think of a threat greater to our democracy than the notion of a select few determining which ideas that our society will be exposed to. I URGE YOU TO DO THE RIGHT THING AND UPHOLD THE CURRENT RESTRICTIONS.

History will not forget.

Sincerely,  
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**From:** fortune@fordham.edu  
**To:** Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein  
**Date:** Fri, May 30, 2003 12:57 PM  
**Subject:** I WANT TO BELIEVE THAT WE LIVE IN A DEMOCRACY

Greetings -  
Chairman Michael K. Powell  
Commissioner Kathleen Q. Abernathy  
Commissioner Michael J. Copps  
Commissioner Kevin J. Martin  
Commissioner Jonathan S. Adelstein

My message is simple. As an educator, consumer and businesswoman I ask you to consider what further relaxation of the media ownership rules will mean to the future of all media. ALL VOICES AND OPINIONS MUST BE HEARD -- true diversity in media and business can't happen if only a FEW corporations are providing the American public with information, news and entertainment.

As a United States citizen -- I must RAISE my voice. Let's work together - the public, government officials and businesspeople to keep media fair, innovative, profitable and DIVERSE. I want to believe that we live in a democracy.

I look forward to your response.

Sincerely yours -  
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PS By the way, I applaud Commissioner Copps on holding public forums throughout the country.

**From:** DefendMasterPlan@aol.com  
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**Date:** Fri, May 30, 2003 1:09 PM  
**Subject:** re: FCC rule change June 2/03

Dear Chairman Powell:

I want rules in place that serve the public, rather than private, interest. I oppose taking a vote that leads to more media consolidation. On June 2nd, I urge you to retain the current ownership rules.

Yours truly,  
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**From:** Paul McKinney  
**To:** FCC FCCINFO, Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein  
**Date:** Fri, May 30, 2003 1:14 PM  
**Subject:** consolidation

To the Commission of the FCC:

RE: Monday, June 2 meeting

Just wondering how, in fact, the public will be further served if enormous media conglomerates are allowed to own enough TV stations to reach 90% of the population. Please tell me how I will be better off and more informed if three companies or two companies control what I see, hear or read versus six. Please tell me how it will better serve the public interest when there are fewer, increasingly powerful voices telling us how to think. Please tell me how anyone with a dissenting viewpoint and few resources compared to these conglomerates will be able to get their point out. Please don't tell me that anyone can build a website, and therefore dissenting viewpoints all have equal footing. You and I both know that it is not true.

And if you are on the side of allowing media to further conglomerate, is it because you think Viacom and Clear Channel and AOL/TW and Disney and News Corp are just not big enough?

In other words, please use your common sense when making this decision on Monday. And please think of the public's interest at large...you are, in fact, in the public service. You are not in the service of corporate America.

Thank you,  
Paul McKinney

Also CC: U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein, U.S. Senator Barbara Boxer, U.S. Representative Henry Waxman

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**From:** Dave Graff  
**To:** Michael Copps  
**Date:** Fri, May 30, 2003 1:25 PM  
**Subject:** Legislation

Dear Commisioner Copps,

You will be voting on legislation next week that I feel will have horrible consequences on our country should it pass.

I stopped listening to the radio (with the exception of KPBS) in the Late Nineties because it had become viscous, or what I now describe as "Hate Radio." I didn't know why until recently when I discovered Clear Channel. The law was changed in 96 and now we have one company controlling the majority of the radio stations in the country. Here in San Diego they own 11 stations and I'm sure they are on the way to owning them all. It only takes a few minutes to know that it's a Clear Channel station because it's all repackaged, right wing hate. This is clearly the result of having one company, one man controlling the radio waves across the country. The Dixie Chicks being censored was not a case of hundreds of independent stations boycotting them, it was an order that came from one man. If this isn't a monopoly, I don't know what is.

If you vote that legislation in next week, certainly the same will happen to all of our other media outlets. I am hereby asking that you vote against this legislation and also that you reconsider the 96 legislation that allowed the Clear Channel monster to destroy American radio.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Earlene Kay Fiori  
**To:** Michael Copps  
**Date:** Fri, May 30, 2003 1:51 PM  
**Subject:** FCC chairman Powell

I tried to reach Chairman Powell this morning. No one is answering the phones there and all of the boxes are full. Would you please convey to him my anger that he is not available to the public, even if one is willing to leave a taped message. His arrogance is disgusting. I listened to his interview on Morning Edition and again was underwhelmed at his desire to protect the interests of the citizens and his claim that he is not concerned about the big guys ability to make money.

He should be told that public is watching.

Please pass on this message as it could not be left for Mr. Powell.

Thank you,

E Fiori  
Fresno, CA

**From:** DHamil  
**To:** Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, Commissioner Adelstein  
**Date:** Fri, May 30, 2003 1:54 PM  
**Subject:** MB Docket No. 02-277

Please do not change the restrictions that limit the number of television stations and newspapers that can be owned by a single company. Our news is already too homogenized and angled. As it is, I advise my friends to get their news from Canada for a much more accurate view. Only you have the power to correct this, rather than make it worse.

Thank you,

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